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UM SWIMMERS DROP TWO MEETS ON THE ROAD  
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One must compete against the best to become the best. And that's the philosophy that took the UM men's swim team to Portland last weekend where they lost a combined dual to Oregon 77-25 and Portland State 57-54.

Two Grizzly swimmers turned in fine performances on the trip. Sophomore Charlie Billings, a native of Portland, won the 500-meter freestyle in 4:53.0 and finished second in the 1,000-meter freestyle event in 10:13.

Missoula freshman Dave Schwartz captured the 100-meter freestyle in 48.3 and the 200-meter freestyle in 1:46.3.

Gordon Hahn, the only UM diver, took second in one-meter competition and third in the three-meter event.

"The team was a little tight from the trip. It was our first hard competition. We should do a lot better against Idaho this week," coach Fred Stetson said. Idaho will be facing the UM co-ed team at 1:30 p.m., Saturday in the Grizzly Pool.

"We really shouldn't have lost to Portland," Stetson said, "but we only had one man in five events. It's a matter of not having enough depth. We try to allow our better swimmers to face a high caliber of competition and we don't worry about our win-loss record. Our impetus is towards getting everybody up for the North Coast Championships," Stetson said.

Idaho has beaten Montana in a dual meet just once (1975) in the last 11 years. Stetson said the dual is equivalent to the Big Sky championship now because Idaho and Montana are the only two schools in the Big Sky that still maintain swim teams.

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